Kendriya Bhandar has adopted a programme of modernizing its stores depending upon size and items sold. Recently Kendriya Bhandar has opened its first modernized store at Netaji Nagar, New Delhi. It has been decided to assess its overall performance for some time before taking up the modernization of other stores.

Promotion of Under Secretaries in CSS

3063. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in CSS, junior Under Secretaries continue to officiate as Deputy Secretaries ignoring the claim of seniors who have not been promoted despite representations submitted by them and this has been a cause of heart burning amongst them;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that in order to remove such anomaly Government in the past promoted senior Under Secretaries *vis-a-vis* their juniors and that this should be the last batch for such promotions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) On the basis of Select List of Grade I of CSS for the year 1989 and 1990, certain posts of Under Secretaries were upgraded as Deputy Secretaries as a measure personel to the officers. The representations received from Under Secretaries, senior to a few Direct Recruit Section Officers, figureing in Select List of Grade I of CSS for the later years have been examined. Administratively it has not been considered feasible top further upgrade the post of Under Secretary as Deputy Secretary as a measure personal to them.

Violation of reservation policy in promotion

3064. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under reservation policy of Government, there is a provision of promotion for SC/ST Officers to the lowest rung of Group 'A' post;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that Direct Recruit SC/ST Officers of CSS joining as Section Officers (Group 'B' post) are being deprived of this benefit by way of equating them to the Direct Recruit Section Officers of General category while giving them regular promotion to the Grade-I *i.e.*, the lowest rung of Group 'A' post of CSS; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Anti-corruption raids by CBI in Kerala

3065. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any anti-corruption raids have been conducted by the CBI against either general public or the Central and State Government employees in Kerala during this year to bring out the assets disproportionate to their known sources;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of anti-corruption cases registered in the State pending for decision and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) In course of a Special Drive, carried out by the Central Bureau of Investigation on 8th November 2002, it searched the residential premises of an employee of the ITDC Duty Free Shop, Sahar International Airport, Mumbai at Karavaloor Panchayat, Kollam District and in Mumbai, and registered a case under Section 13(2) read with 13(1) of Prevention of Corruption Act of criminal misconduct and disproportionate assets against him.

Presently, CBI is investigating 24 cases of anti-corruption registered in Kerala, of which 2 were registered in 2000, 4 in 2001 and 18 in 2002.